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A public notice for the permit application described below has been posted at
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Project Name: Pasco County and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise / Ridge Road Extension

County: Pasco

Comment Due Date: OCT 24, 2018

File Name: SAJ-2011-00551 (SP-TSH)

Waterway and Location: The project would affect waters of the United States associated with the Pithlachascotee River, Anclote River, and Fivemile Creek. The project would commence at the intersection of Ridge Road and Decubellis / Moon Lake Road (County Road 587) and end at the intersection of Land O'Lakes Boulevard (U.S. Highway 41) and Connerton Boulevard in Pasco County, Florida, Sections 25-29, 32, and 33 of Township 25 South, Range 17 East, and Sections 21, 22, and 27-30, Township 25 South, Range 18 East. The western portion of the proposed project would traverse the Serenova Tract of the Starkey Wilderness Preserve.

Proposed Work: The applicants seek authorization to discharge fill material over 40.16 acres of wetlands for the construction of 8.65 miles of roadway that would extend Ridge Road eastward to Land O'Lakes Boulevard. Wetland impacts would include 37.38 acres of permanent impact and 2.78 acres of temporary impacts. The project is known as the Ridge Road Extension (RRE). The project consists of three segments that include Phase I, an interchange with the Suncoast Parkway, and Phase II. Phase I would be located west of the Suncoast Parkway interchange and would consist of a 4-lane divided roadway that is approximately 4.2 miles in length. The proposed roadway would intersect the Suncoast Parkway approximately 3.2 miles south of SR-52 at an existing overpass. A full diamond interchange and approximately 1 mile of 4-lane divided roadway would be constructed within the limits of the interchange. Phase II would be located east of the Suncoast Parkway interchange and would consist of a 4-lane divided roadway that is 3.44 miles in length. An additional 2.78 acres of wetlands/waters are proposed to be temporarily filled/impacted to facilitate construction of the roadway, including bridges. Temporary fill material and/or temporary structures, such as drain pipes, coffer dams, etc., would be removed upon completion of construction and the area would be returned to pre-construction contours and hydrologic conditions. Best management practices, such as underlying temporary fill with geotextile, would be incorporated to minimize impacts and ensure clean removal of temporary fill material.

Previous iterations of this project proposed Phase II as a limited access roadway, allowing only one access point to a commercial parcel located on the east side of the interchange. The applicants now propose to design Phase II as an arterial roadway that would allow as many as seven (7) signalized intersections (also referred to as "full movement intersections") between the Suncoast Parkway and Land O'Lakes Boulevard (US-41). This public notice is being published primarily due to this change in status of Phase II. The precise number and location of potential intersections is not yet known and the applicants are not seeking authorization for any impacts to waters of the United States that may be associated with these potential intersections or associated developments. Pasco County has stated that developers would be responsible for obtaining authorizations for any impacts to waters of the United States beyond those currently proposed for construction of the Ridge Road Extension.

Note: The proposed Ridge Road Extension was previously noticed by the Corps on November 28, 2011. Additional information, including the Alternatives Analysis previously submitted to the Corps, is available on the Corps' website at the following address:
<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Items-of-Interest/> . Once the webpage loads, please scroll down the page to the "Ridge Road Extension" section and click on the links to the individual documents.

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